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CELEBRATING THE ADA: FLINGING THE DOORS WIDE OPEN

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Almost anywhere you go in the community today, you will see people with disabilities working, shopping, and out enjoying the same activities that you do. That is a new phenomenon that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has created in the past two decades.

"Where have they been?" you might ask. Limited by the barriers the environment placed upon them, people with disabilities have been trapped at home until this nation enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. This action flung wide the doors for people with disabilities to join their family, friends and neighbors out in their local communities.

Our thanks and admiration go out to those who helped get the ADA enacted, including Sen. Tom Harkin, former Sen. Bob Dole, former Sen. Elizabeth Dole, former U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, and former President George H.W. Bush, who signed the ADA into law July 26, 1990.

We invite you to view a video created by the National ADA Network about the wonders of the ADA at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ADANationalNetwork/>